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I feel the Microsoft settlement recently discussed (\$1 bil of educational computers) was so inappropriate that I began to lose faith in the process.

As a consumer, and multimedia developer I use both Macintosh and PC (Windows) computers. Microsoft's insistence in making the world comply with it, rather than it complying with industry standards affects me both professionally and personally. They seem to operate unilaterally, ignoring what is in the best interest of IT professionals, creative developers, and consumers. I believe they use their market dominance to bully everyone that stands in their way.

Microsoft:

1. Tries to co-opt Java, adversely effecting both web site visitors and developers. MS is clearly trying to destroy any computing standards other than its own proprietary standards.
2. MS Explorer pops up warning screens about "dangerous scripting" whenever I try to view a quicktime file (again, quicktime is an competing but extremely popular file format). This also dramatically affects me as a developer.
3. Maintains monopolies in word processing, spreadsheet, and business presentation software (Word, Excel, Powerpoint). This monopoly is not limited to the PC--but also impacts the Macintosh world. Microsoft's persistent bullying in the past, and with other enemies--and "partners" makes me suspicious that they can coerce Apple computer anytime they really want to.

MS has seemed to steamroll everyone--including the government. I strongly support significant punitive charges(\$), as well as the partitioning of the company into discrete business entities.

Thank you  
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